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TO AMEMBASSY KAMPALA

INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

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SUBJ: ANOTHER REPORT OF FRENCH ARMS SALES TO UGANDA

1. APRIL 22 WASHINGTON POST CARRIED FOLLOWING ITEM DATE-  
LINED LONDON. QTE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS SECRETLY DECIDED  
TO LICENSE EXPORT OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR GEN. IDI AMIN' S  
ARMY IN UGANDA, ACCORDING TO LONDON OBSERVOR. SIZE OF  
SHIPMENT IS SAID TO BE LARGE ENOUGH TO CHANGE BALANCE OF  
MILITARY POWER IN WEST ( SIC) AFRICA. ACCORDING TO  
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OBSERVOR REPORT, DECISION WAS DICTATED LARGELY BY FRENCH CONCERN NOT TO UPSET LIBYA' S PRESIDENT MUAMMAR QADDAFI, A SUBSTANTIAL BUYER OF FRENCH ARMS. LIBYANS REPORTEDLY AGREED TO PAY FOR AMIN' S PURCHASES AFTER HIS RELATIVELY SMALL DOWNPAYMENT. SHIPMENT, TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER, WOULD GO FIRST TO LIBYA, AND THEN BY AIR TO UGANDA, OBSERVOR SAID.

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2. ASKED ABOUT ABOVE ITEM APRIL 23, DEPT SPOKESMAN STATED HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON OBSERVOR REPORT.

3. DECONTROL FOLLOWING 4/25/73. PORTER

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